

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A produce container comprising:

- a first cell for containing a first produce item;
- a second cell for containing a second produce item, wherein the second cell is separate from the first cell; and
- a separation structure positioned between the first cell and the second cell, wherein the separation structure is capable of preventing the first produce item from contacting the second produce item, wherein the separation structure connects the first cell and the second cell, wherein the separation structure comprises at least one stop positioned to be capable of restricting the movement of at least one of the first produce item and the second produce item, wherein the first cell is shaped to generally conform to the first produce item, and wherein the second cell is shaped to generally conform to the second produce item.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 1, wherein the separation structure, is an at least semi-rigid structure.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 1, wherein the separation structure is a deformable structure.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 1, wherein the first cell is canted such that the first produce item is positioned in a substantially reclined attitude.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 1, wherein the first cell is sized larger than the first produce item such that a gap is defined between at least a portion of the first cell and the first produce item, such that air is capable of circulating about the first produce item.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 1, wherein the first cell is substantially a teardrop shape.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A produce container comprising:
a base structure; and
a cell for containing a produce item positioned upon the base structure, wherein the cell is shaped to generally conform to the produce item, and wherein the cell is canted to the base structure, such that the produce item is positioned at an angled attitude.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 7, wherein the cell includes a cell axis, wherein the base includes a base axis, and wherein the cell axis is set at a cant angle to the base axis.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 8, wherein the cell axis is a longitudinal axis positioned to substantially bisect the cell.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 8, wherein the cant angle is between 0 degrees and 90 degrees.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 8, wherein the cant angle is between 35 degrees and 40 degrees.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 8, wherein the cant angle is substantially 37 degrees.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The produce container of Claim 8, wherein the cell is generally a teardrop shape.

Claim 14 (original): A produce container having an opened position and a closed position, wherein the produce container comprises:
a first tray;
a second tray positioned opposite the first tray with the produce container in the closed position;
a plurality of cells for containing produce items, wherein each cell is positioned within the first tray and the second tray, and wherein each cell is separated from the each of the other cells, such that each produce item is prevented from contacting another produce item; and
at least one spacer positioned between the first tray and the second tray defining an air space between the first tray and the second tray.

Claim 15 (original): The produce container of Claim 14, wherein the produce container further comprises a hinge mounted between the first tray and the second tray, such that the produce container can be translated from its open position to its closed position by moving the one of the first tray and the second tray about the hinge.

Claim 16 (original): The produce container of Claim 14, wherein the first tray has a center area and the second tray has a center area, wherein the at least one spacer comprises a center spacer positioned at least substantially adjacent the center area of at least one of the first tray and the second tray.

Claim 17 (original): The produce container of Claim 15, wherein the first tray has a center area and the second tray has a center area, wherein the at least one spacer comprises a center spacer for further defining the air space between the first tray and the second tray and for being capable of providing structural support to the produce container, wherein the center spacer is positioned at least substantially adjacent the center area of at least one of the first tray and the second tray.

Claim 18 (original): The produce container of Claim 17, wherein the center spacer further comprises a lock for attaching the first tray and the second tray together.

Claim 19 (original): The produce container of Claim 14, wherein the at least one spacer comprises a center spacer and wherein the plurality of cells is four cells positioned about the center spacer.

Claim 20 (original): The produce container of Claim 14, wherein the at least one spacer comprises two center spacers and wherein the plurality of cells is six cells positioned such that four cells are positioned about each center spacer.

Claim 21 (original): The produce container of Claim 14, wherein each of the plurality of cells is canted at an angle.

Claim 22 (original): The produce container of Claim 21, wherein with the produce container in the closed position the first tray and the second tray are positioned about a central plane, wherein each cell includes a cell axis set at a cant angle to the central plane.

Claim 23 (original): The produce container of Claim 22, wherein the cell axis is a longitudinal axis positioned to substantially bisect the cell.

Claim 24 (original): The produce container of Claim 22, wherein the cant angle is between 35 degrees and 40 degrees.

Claim 25 (original): The produce container of Claim 22, wherein the cant angle is substantially 37 degrees.

Claim 26 (original): The produce container of Claim 14, wherein each cell of the plurality of cells is substantially a curved shape.

Claim 27 (original): The produce container of Claim 14, wherein each cell of the plurality of cells is substantially a teardrop shape.

Claim 28 (original): The produce container of Claim 14, wherein each cell of the plurality of cells is substantially in the shape of a mango.